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IN THE YEAR 20XX, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN HAS PLEDGED TO STOP THE EVIL DESIRES OF DR. WILY AND PROTECT THE WORLD. MEGA MAN NOW FIGHTS ALONGSIDE HIS FELLOW ROBOT MASTERS TO DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

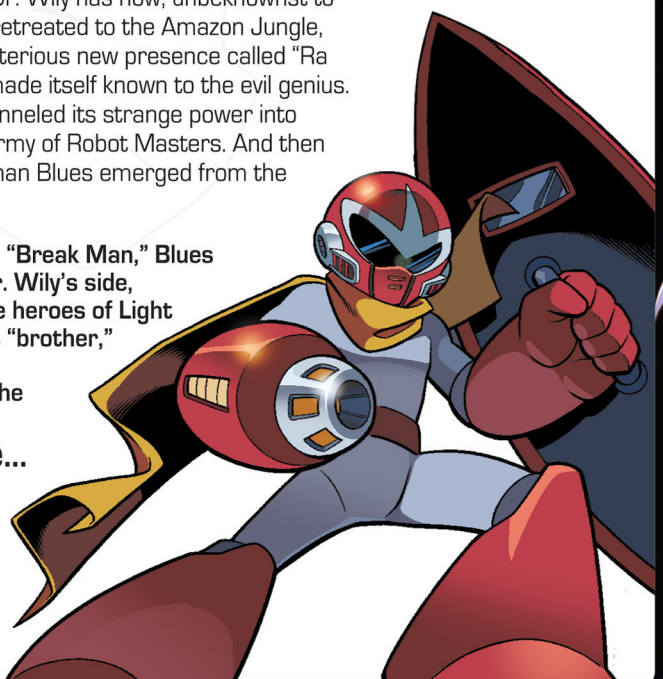
MEGA MAN™

PREVIOUSLY...

Mega Man was not Dr. Light's first attempt at building a super fighting robot. Years ago, Dr. Light built a prototype robot named Blues as part of a military contract to help fund his lab. Light counted this first robot as his "son," and when a training accident and faulty power core nearly destroyed Blues, Light resolved to repair the young robot's inner mechanisms. Blues was afraid the fix would erase who he was and left Light Labs out of self-preservation. Dr. Light's regret over that loss seems to haunt him to this day.

Meanwhile, Dr. Wily has now, unbeknownst to Mega Man, retreated to the Amazon Jungle, where a mysterious new presence called "Ra Moon" has made itself known to the evil genius. Wily has channeled its strange power into building an army of Robot Masters. And then none-other-than Blues emerged from the jungle!

Now dubbed "Break Man," Blues stands at Dr. Wily's side, watching the heroes of Light Labs and his "brother," Mega Man, waiting for the perfect time **to strike...**



CHARACTER SELECT

MEGA MAN
HERO OF LIGHT LABS

DR. LIGHT
ROBOTICS GENIUS

DR. WILY
EVIL GENIUS

BREAK MAN
MEGA MAN'S RENEGADE BROTHER

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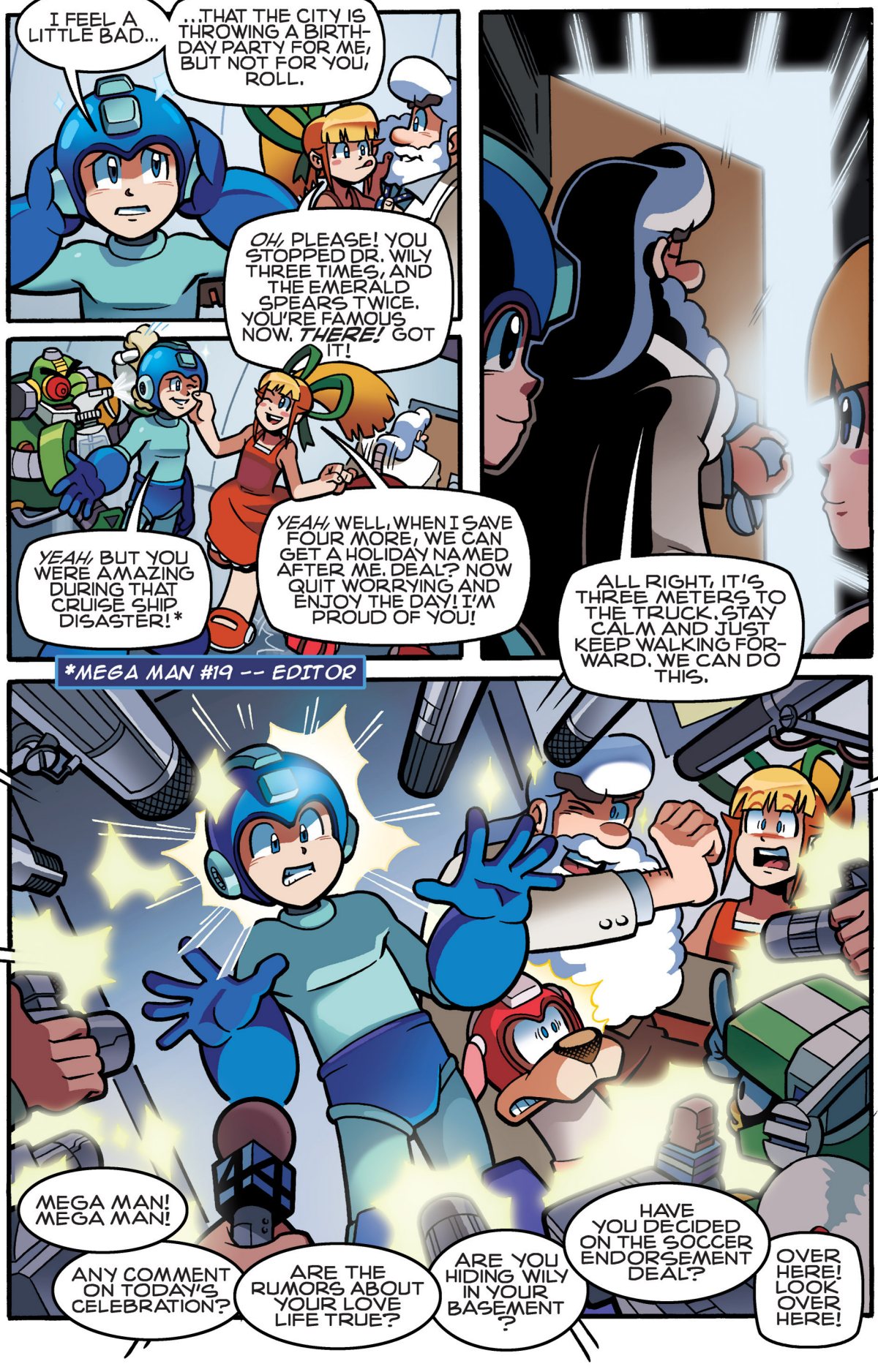
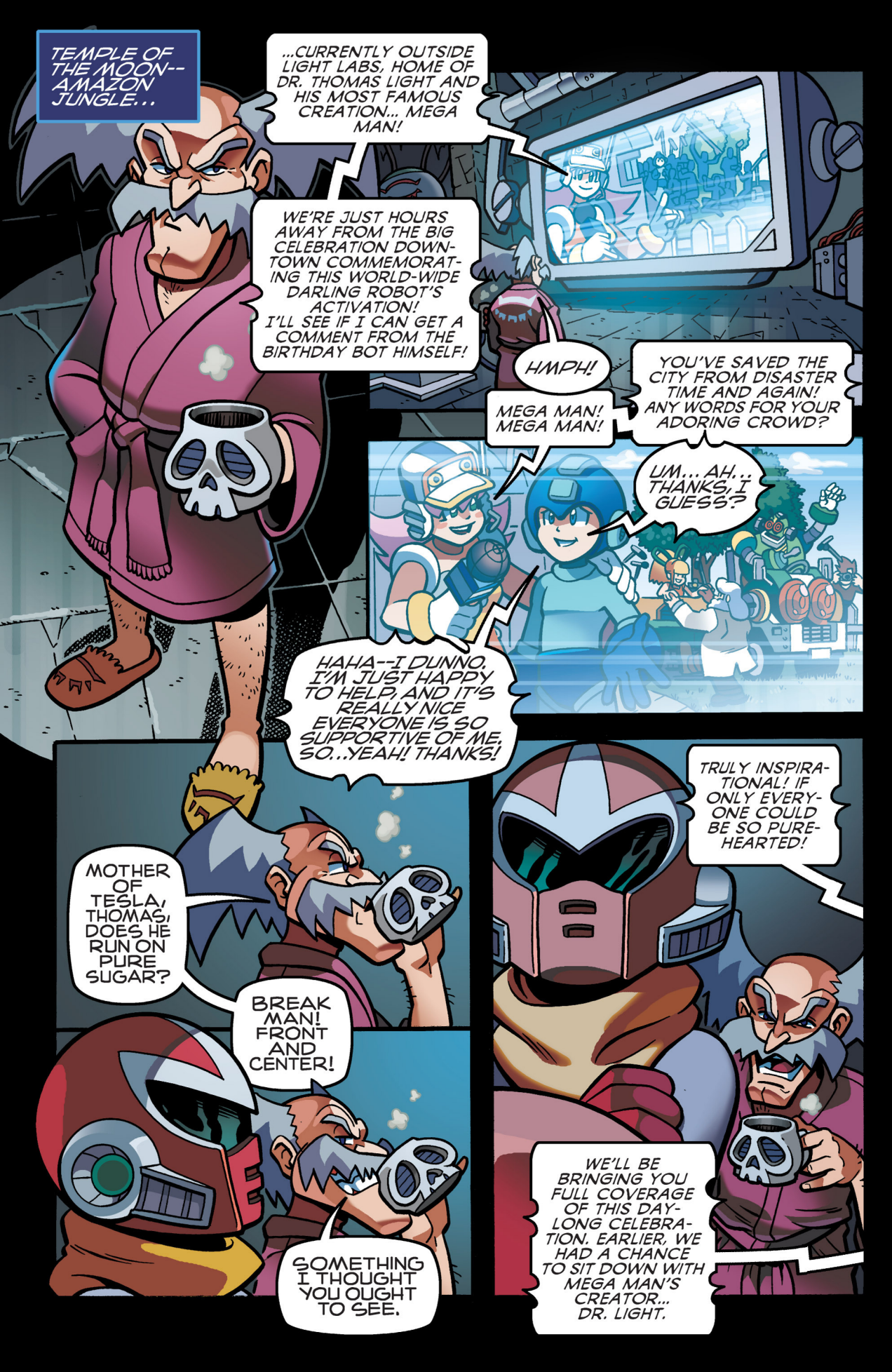
LIGHT LABS...
IT'S FINE, AUTO. IF IT GETS ANY SHINIER, YOU'LL HAVE TO RE-NAME ME "BRIGHT MAN" OR SOMETHING.
THIS IS YOUR BIG DAY!
YOU.
MUST.
LOOK.
PERFECT.
ACTUALLY, MEGA MAN, DR. COSSACK WAS DESIGNING A ROBOT MASTER CALLED...
SHUSH! I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO YOUR TIE, BUT I WILL FIX IT!


I FEEL A LITTLE BAD...
...THAT THE CITY IS THROWING A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR ME, BUT NOT FOR YOU, ROLL.
OH, PLEASE! YOU STOPPED DR. WILY THREE TIMES, AND THE EMERALD SPEARS TWICE. YOU'RE FAMOUS NOW. THERE! GOT IT!
YEAH, BUT YOU WERE AMAZING DURING THAT CRUISE SHIP DISASTER!*
YEAH, WELL, WHEN I SAVE FOUR MORE, WE CAN GET A HOLIDAY NAMED AFTER ME. DEAL? NOW QUIT WORRYING AND ENJOY THE DAY! I'M PROUD OF YOU!
ALL RIGHT, IT'S THREE METERS TO THE TRUCK. STAY CALM AND JUST KEEP WALKING FORWARD. WE CAN DO THIS.
*MEGA MAN #19 -- EDITOR
MEGA MAN! MEGA MAN!
ANY COMMENT ON TODAY'S CELEBRATION?
ARE THE RUMORS ABOUT YOUR LOVE LIFE TRUE?
ARE YOU HIDING WILY IN YOUR BASEMENT?
HAVE YOU DECIDED ON THE SOCCER ENDORSEMENT DEAL?
OVER HERE! LOOK OVER HERE!


TEMPLE OF THE MOON-- AMAZON JUNGLE...
...CURRENTLY OUTSIDE LIGHT LABS, HOME OF DR. THOMAS LIGHT AND HIS MOST FAMOUS CREATION... MEGA MAN!
WE'RE JUST HOURS AWAY FROM THE BIG CELEBRATION DOWN-TOWN COMMEMORAT-ING THIS WORLD-WIDE DARLING ROBOT'S ACTIVATION! I'LL SEE IF I CAN GET A COMMENT FROM THE BIRTHDAY BOT HIMSELF!
HMPH!
MEGA MAN! MEGA MAN!
YOU'VE SAVED THE CITY FROM DISASTER TIME AND AGAIN! ANY WORDS FOR YOUR ADORING CROWD?
UM... AH... THANKS, I GUESS?
HAHA--I DUNNO. I'M JUST HAPPY TO HELP, AND IT'S REALLY NICE EVERYONE IS SO SUPPORTIVE OF ME, SO...YEAH! THANKS!
MOTHER OF TESLA, THOMAS, DOES HE RUN ON PURE SUGAR?
BREAK MAN! FRONT AND CENTER!
SOMETHING I THOUGHT YOU OUGHT TO SEE.
TRULY INSPIRA-TIONAL! IF ONLY EVERY-ONE COULD BE SO PURE-HEARTED!
WE'LL BE BRINGING YOU FULL COVERAGE OF THIS DAY-LONG CELEBRA-TION. EARLIER, WE HAD A CHANCE TO SIT DOWN WITH MEGA MAN'S CREATOR... DR. LIGHT.

DOCTOR LIGHT--YOU'RE REGARDED BY MANY AS THE "FATHER OF MODERN ROBOTICS." YOUR THEORIES ALLOWED FOR ADVANCED ROBOTS LIKE ME TO EVEN EXIST. OUT OF ALL YOUR CREATIONS, WHAT MAKES MEGA MAN SPECIAL?
IT'S HARD TO SAY, PLUM. I WROTE ROCK'S CODING MYSELF, BUT HE'S ALWAYS HAD A SPECIAL SPARK TO HIM--AND IT WASN'T A BLOWN FUSE! HAHA!
HAHA!
I LOVE ALL MY CREATIONS, SO I'D FEEL BAD SAYING ONE IS ANY BETTER THAN THE REST. BUT HE TRULY IS SPECIAL, AND ALL HIS HARD WORK HONORS ME. HE'S THE KIND OF SON ANY MAN WOULD HOPE FOR.
I MUST SAY, I'M IMPRESSED, BREAK MAN. YOU'VE BEEN RECOVERING AND WORKING HERE SO DILIGENTLY. SO PATIENTLY.
MEANWHILE, THAT REPLACEMENT GETS PRAISE, PARTIES, AND ALL OF YOUR FATHER'S LOVE. I'D CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND IF YOU TOOK A BREAK FROM YOUR DUTIES HERE AND USED THE POWER I GAVE YOU TO GET A LITTLE WELL-DESERVED RETRIBUTION.
FINALLY, HE'S GONE! NO MORE MORALISTIC QUESTIONS FROM BREAK MAN, MEGA MAN'S BIG DAY IS RUINED, AND THEY'RE BOTH TOO BUSY TO BOTHER ME! PERFECT! I CAN'T HAVE ANYTHING INTERRUPT ME OR IVO RIGHT BEFORE WE LAUNCH, THE NEXT PHASE OF OUR LITTLE PLAN...

MEANWHILE--DOWNTOWN...
I KNOW IT'S NOT YOUR FUNCTION--BUT THINK! WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM SOMETHING FOR HIS BIRTHDAY!
DON'T YELL AT ME! YOU SHOT DOWN ALL MY IDEAS!
IT'S A MUSICAL--
>SIGH<
--LOOK! WE OWE HIM BIG FOR RESCUING US FROM WILY. HE NEEDS SOMETHING GREAT! GRAND! SOMETHING FLASHY! SOMETHING OVER-THE-TOP!
"BIG ROCK" AND "BIGGER ROCK" ARE NOT GOOD IDEAS!
HIS NAME IS "ROCK," ISN'T IT?
HEY, GUYS!
I TRIED TO GET ICE MAN TO TAKE HIM OFF MY HANDS, BUT HE WON'T ANSWER MY CALLS. HE CARES MORE ABOUT GLACIERS...
HOW'S THIS FOR "OVER-THE-TOP"? EH? EH? STYLISH, RIGHT? GOTTA LOVE THE TRIM!
WHY DID YOU BRING HIM ALONG AGAIN?
...THAN HIS OWN BROTHERS, I TELL YA...*
OH, COME ON, GUYS! GUYS? GUYS?
*MM #18.

FIREWORKS! HOW ABOUT FIREWORKS?
WHY? HIS ARM IS A CANNON!
WHAT ABOUT A FOOD PROCESSOR?
SALE!!!
HE DOESN'T EAT FOOD, DOOFUS! NONE OF US DO! LET'S GET HIM A PET!
HE'S ALREADY GOT A DOG THAT TURNS INTO A ROCKET-BOARD!
WELL, I DON'T HEAR YOU COMING UP WITH ANYTHING BETTER!
UH... GUYS?
AM 11:55
THE BIG CEREMONY STARTS IN FIVE MINUTES!
GIFT CARD ?
GIFT CARD !

WELCOME, EVERYONE! I'M SURE I CAN GET ALL OF YOU TO JOIN ME IN GIVING A BIG "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" TO OUR HERO AND MY PERSONAL FRIEND --MEGA MAN! THREE-- TWO--ONE--!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
EXCELLENT! I GOTTA KEEP THAT TRICK IN MIND WHEN I'M UP FOR RE-ELECTION!
HAHAHA!
HEH HEH ...GOOD ONE, MR. MAYOR.
I WAKE UP EVERY MORNING THINKING, "WOW! I'M HONORED TO BE MAYOR OF THIS CITY," AND THEN I THINK, "WOW! I'M EVEN MORE HONORED THAT MEGA MAN--OUR TRUE BLUE HERO--WAS BUILT RIGHT HERE IN MY CITY!" SO, AS I WAS PLANNING THIS CELEBRATION FOR MY FAVORITE ROBOT HERO, I WAS STRUCK BY AN IDEA!
AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT MY IDEA WAS?
UH... DID IT START WITH "WOW"?
THAT'S RIGHT! I THOUGHT, "WOW! THIS IS MY CITY! IT HAS MY HERO! LET'S SYNERGIZE THAT!" SO TODAY I--MAYOR LEONARD DORADO--DO DECLARE THAT THIS CITY IS RENAMED MEGA CITY!
YAAAAY!

AND TO COMMEMORATE THIS MOMENTOUS DAY IN MY BELOVED *MEGA CITY*, I HEREBY OFFER THE KEY TO THE CITY TO MY BESTEST ROBOT PAL-- *MEGA MAN!*
CONGRATULATIONS! TELL DR. LIGHT TO "VOTE DORADO!"
HEH HEH, AH, THANKS, MR. MAYOR. I'LL--
WHAT THE-- ?
I'LL PROTECT YOU!

...BLUES?...
UP THERE! THERE'S THE PARTY-CRASHIN' JERK!
HEY! SHOW SOME RESPECT!
THINK HE'S A WILY-BOT?
GET TO SAFETY BEFORE THINGS ESCALATE, SIR!
YOU GOT IT! THANKS, MEGA MAN!
(LET'S DO LUNCH LATER, OKAY?)
HEY! RED SNIPER JOE! I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR PROBLEM IS, BUT LET'S KEEP THIS BETWEEN US! NOBODY ELSE HAS TO GET HURT, OKAY?
WE MIGHT EVEN BE ABLE TO TALK THIS OUT. COME ON DOWN. I PROMISE NOT TO SHOOT.

MAKE SURE NO HUMANS GET HURT FIRST!
HE'S RUINING EVERY-THING! STOP HIM!
THEN WE POUND THAT GUY TO SCRAP!
I TOLD YOU TO LEAVE THE PEOPLE ALONE! NOW YOU'RE IN FOR IT!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

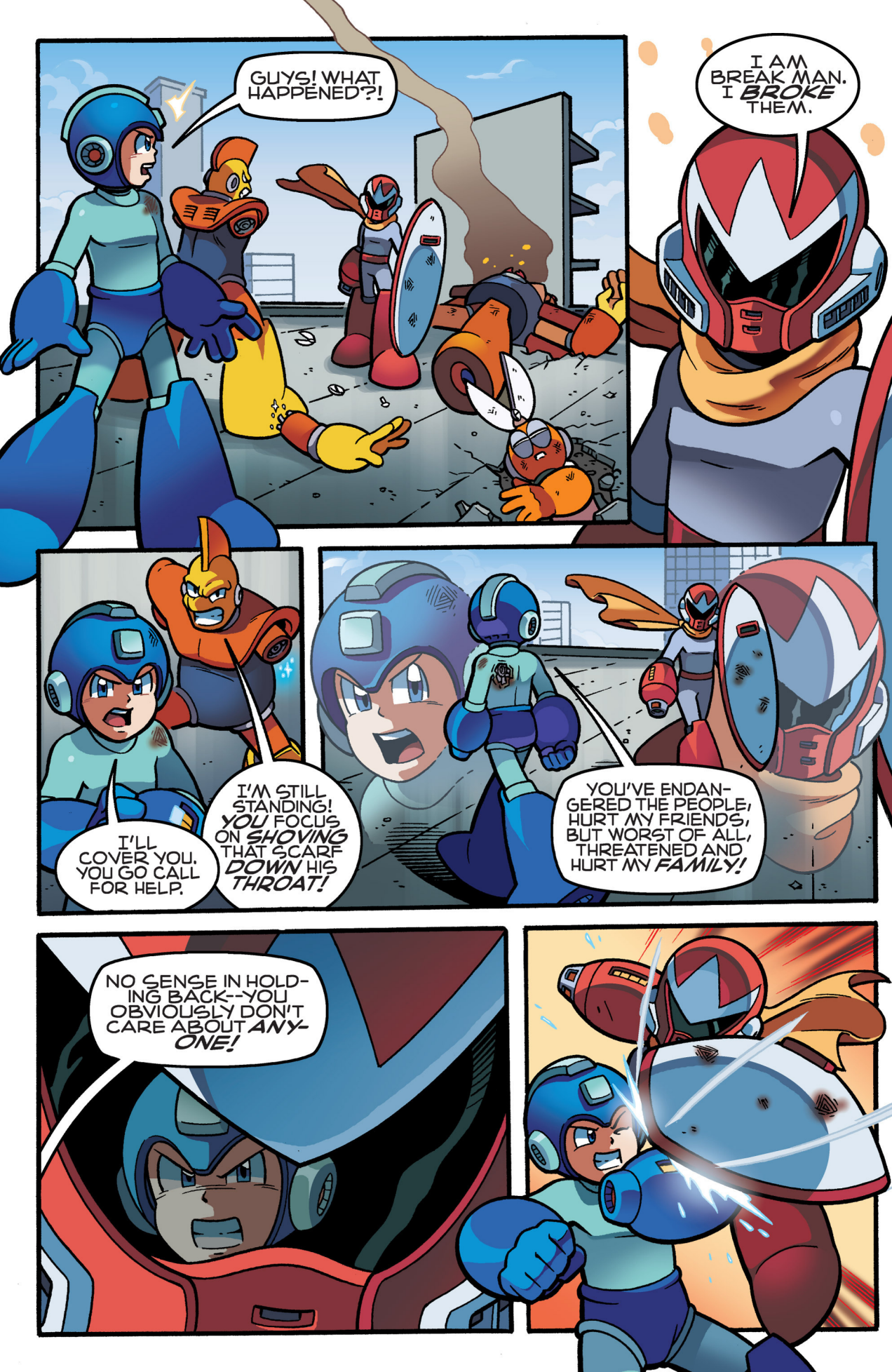
YIPE!
RUSH!
ET EQUIPPED
with
E TANKS!

RUSH! SPEAK TO ME, BOY!
WHIIIIII IIIINE...
HANG IN THERE, BUDDY. I'LL TELEPORT YOU BACK TO THE LAB, AND...
AUGH!

LOOK, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, I'LL FIGHT YOU!
JUST LET ME TAKE CARE OF MY DOG!
...
YOU TAKE CARE OF RUSH, MISTER ROCK. WE'LL CUT IN FOR NOW.
CUT MAN? DON'T EVEN START, BUD.
Drink MEGA TEA!
MEGA CITY
WEEKLY
DIBS!

GAH!
YOUR TRANSPONDER IS FRIED. GIVE ME JUST A SECOND, BOY...

HOLD STILL SO I CAN CRUSH YA!
THERE! I'LL FINISH REPAIRING YOU ONCE I'M BACK AT THE LAB.


GUYS! WHAT HAPPENED?!
I AM BREAK MAN. I BROKE THEM.
I'LL COVER YOU. YOU GO CALL FOR HELP.
I'M STILL STANDING! YOU FOCUS ON SHOVING THAT SCARF DOWN HIS THROAT!
YOU'VE ENDANGERED THE PEOPLE, HURT MY FRIENDS, BUT WORST OF ALL, THREATENED AND HURT MY FAMILY!
NO SENSE IN HOLDING BACK--YOU OBVIOUSLY DON'T CARE ABOUT ANYONE!

C'MON! I NEED YOU ONLINE!
HEH HEH ...SO YOU'RE SHORT-HANDED NOW THAT YOU'VE BEEN DISARMED?
GET UP, OR I'LL BOOT YOU OFF THE ROOF!

AMAZON JUNGLE...
MEGA MAN BATTLES IN DOWNTOWN MEGA CITY
Mayor L. Dorado speech interrupted
HAHAHA! UNHAPPY BIRTHDAY, MEGA BRAT! AND WHILE YOU'RE BUSY THERE...
...I'M OFF TO ENACT MY BEST PLAN EVER WITH THE HELP OF MY NEW BEST FRIEND, HA HA HA!
AUGH!
:KOFF!: SO...SO... THAT'S WHAT THAT FEELS LIKE...

YOU WIN...JUST ...JUST DON'T HIT MY I.C. CHIP.* YOU CAN BREAK ME, JUST...
*INTEGRATED CIRCUIT--SOURCE OF A ROBOT'S PERSONALITY.
WELCOME INTO THE WORLD, MY BOY!
...JUST DON'T BREAK MY DAD'S HEART.
...NEVER SHOULD'VE PUT YOU IN HARM'S WAY. I'LL FIX YOU UP, GOOD AS NEW, I PROMISE...
I WAS JUST ENJOYING THE TUNE YOU WERE WHISTLING.
SEE MEGA MAN 17-18 FOR THE COMPLETE SAGA OF BREAK MAN -- EDITOR
HE'S THE KIND OF SON ANY MAN WOULD HOPE FOR.

AFTER ALL THE DAMAGE YOU'VE DONE, YOU'RE JUST GONNA LEAVE? *OH,* NO, YOU DON'T! YOU'RE NOT JUST SOME SNIPER JOE! LET'S SEE WHO'S UNDER THE HELMET!
WH– WHAT'S GOING ON?!

TIME'S UP, MEGA MAN! The CROSSOVER EVENT is HERE!
Come back NEXT TIME for PART ONE of the *EPIC EVENT*
as MEGA MAN meets SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
Until then, check out the
MEGA MAN GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

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ATTENTION READERS!

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MEGA MAN HERE, WITH A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE FINE FOLKS AT ARCHIE COMICS.

Next issue, Sonic the Hedgehog and Mega Man™ meet for the first time EVER in the twelve-part crossover epic event called "WORLDS COLLIDE."

So I'm calling upon all you awesome readers out there to be honorary members of the **Light Brigade!** The Light Brigade is charged with spreading the word about the **SONIC** and **MEGA MAN™: WORLDS COLLIDE** story! Tell your friends, tell your family, tell your mom, tell your dad, tell your dog, tell your cat, tell your teacher, tell your sandwich, tell your doctor, tell your goldfish, tell your classmates, tell your cousins – tell **ANYONE** that will listen, that this Sonic/Mega Man crossover event is gonna be **EPIC** and they should all join the fun!

Where can everyone read this amazing story?

- Your local comic store, starting on April 10th with part one in Mega Man #24!

- Other fine retailers like bookstores and super markets for the issues starting the week of April 16th!

(If these stores don't carry Archie Action Comics, use your Light Brigade powers to tell the manager that he or she should order them!)

- Download the issues to your smart phone using the Mega Man Comics App, Sonic Comics App, Archie App, Comixology App or ComicsPlus App!

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So, fellow light-brigadiers, please place your right hand on this comic book and repeat after me:

I, _____ (your name), do solemnly swear, to spread the word of the Sonic/Mega Man crossover, until everyone in the entire world knows of the awesomeness that is "Worlds Collide," or until Dr. Eggman and Dr. Wily take over the world with their dastardly schemes and outlaw reading.

LIGHT BRIGADE

HEY KIDS! THINK YOU CAN MAKE THE **CUT**? YOU'LL LOOK SO **SHARP** WITH YOUR OFFICIAL LIGHT BRIGADE BADGE!

– SHORT CIRCUITS –

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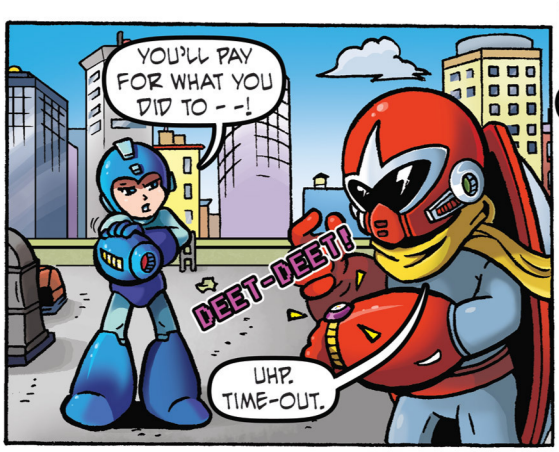

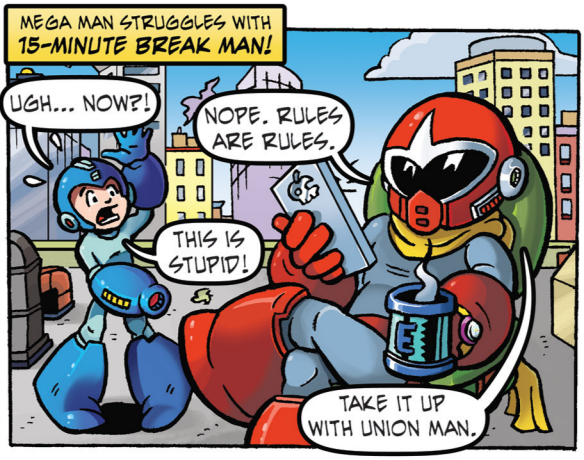

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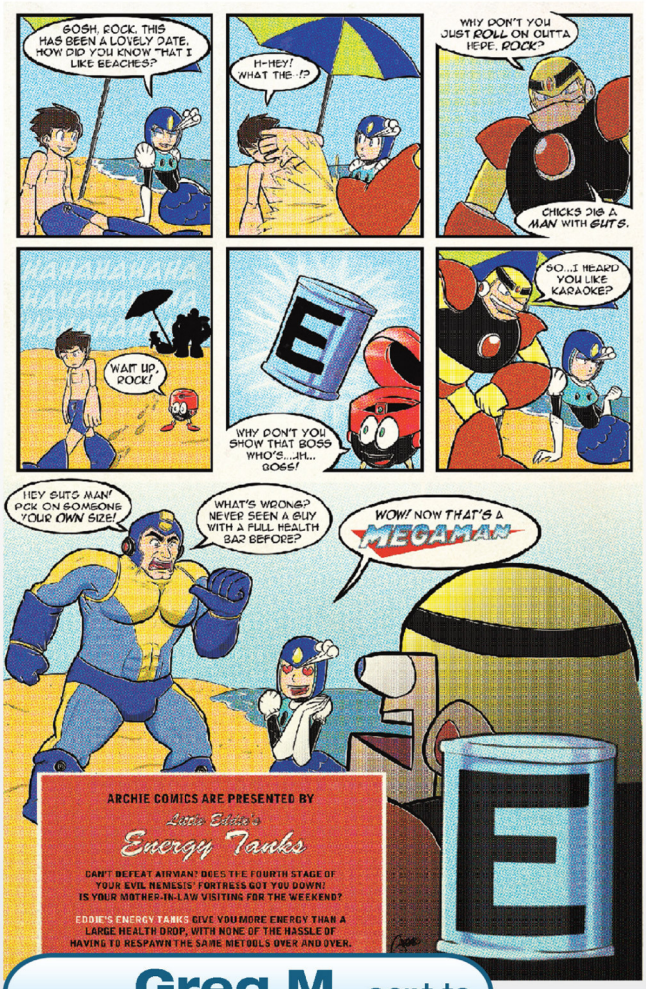
GOSH, ROCK. THIS HAS BEEN A LOVELY DATE. HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT I LIKE BEACHES?
H-HEY! WHAT THE--!?
WHY DON'T YOU JUST ROLL ON OUT'TA HERE, ROCK?
CHICKS DIG A MAN WITH GUTS.
WAIT UP, ROCK!
WHY DON'T YOU SHOW THAT BOSS WHO'S...UH... BOSS!
SO...I HEARD YOU LIKE KARAOKE?
HEY SUITS MAN! PICK ON SOMEONE YOUR OWN SIZE!
WHAT'S WRONG? NEVER SEEN A GUY WITH A FULL HEALTH BAR BEFORE?
WOW! NOW THAT'S A MEGAMAN
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Little Eddie's
Energy Tanks
CAN'T DEFEAT AIRMAN? DOES THE FOURTH STAGE OF YOUR EVIL NEMESIS' FORTRESS GOT YOU DOWN? IS YOUR MOTHER-IN-LAW VISITING FOR THE WEEKEND?
EDDIE'S ENERGY TANKS GIVE YOU MORE ENERGY THAN A LARGE HEALTH DROP, WITH NONE OF THE HASSLE OF HAVING TO RESPAWN THE SAME METOOLS OVER AND OVER.

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NEXT ISSUE
IT ALL STARTS IN
MEGA MAN 24!
SEE YOU NEXT MONTH FOR WORLDS COLLIDE PART ONE!